

**Statewide**

**American Civil Liberties Union**

617-482-3170/Boston  
www.aclu.org

**Center for Public Representation**

Provides representation to individuals with disabilities who reside in psychiatric hospitals and the community.  
617-965-0776/Newtonville

**Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts**

Represents children and youth; priorities are child abuse and neglect, runaways, custody and adoption disputes, school matters, special education cases, SSI, access to services for children in DSS and DYS care, access to services for severely handicapped children.  
781-581-1977/Lynn

**Disability Law Center**

Serves as the back up and support center for disability Benefits issues; priorities are assistive technology, civil rights, independence, abuse and neglect, community interests, special education, discrimination.  
617-723-8455, 800-872-9992/Boston  
617-227-9464, 800-381-0577 (TDD)  
www.dlc.ma.org

**Massachusetts Advocacy Center**

(Children’s Law Support Project)  
Legislative, policy, administrative, and case advocacy on behalf of children from low-income families in areas of education, special education, child welfare and health.  
617-357-8431(bilingual)/Boston  
617-357-8434 (TTY)

**The Massachusetts Bar Association**

Gives free legal help through their Dial-a-Lawyer on the first Wednesday of every month, from 5:30-7:30 PM.  
617-338-0610/Boston

**Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services**

MCLS provides civil legal assistance to people incarcerated in Massachusetts’s county and state correctional facilities.  
617-482-2773, 800-882-1413/Boston  
www.mcls.net

**Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee**

Provides advice, assistance, referral, and some representation to individuals in the mental health system.  
617-338-2345, 800-342-9092/Boston  
www.mass.gov/MHLAC

**State Department of Elder Affairs**

1-800-243-4636

**Central Massachusetts**

**Legal Assistance Corporation of Central MA**

Priorities: Domestic Violence/Domestic Relations, Mental Health, Elder Law, Housing, Public Benefits, Disability  
508-752-3722, 800-649-3718/Worcester  
508-775-3260 (TDD)  
800-649-3718/Fitchburg  
978-249-3712/Athol  
508-765-9290/Southbridge

**Massachusetts Justice Project**

Priorities: Housing, Elderly, Public Benefits, Family Law  
508-831-9888, 888-427-8989/Worcester

**Eastern Massachusetts**

**Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau**

Priorities: Social Security and other Benefits, Family Law, Housing, Elder Law  
781-893-4793  
781-736-9006 (TTY)

**Community Law Center**

Priorities: Income/resource protection and enhancement, increased self-sufficiency, training and employment access  
617-522-3003/Jamaica Plain

**Community Legal Services and Counseling Center**

Priorities: Family Law (domestic violence, child abuse, child support, custody, visitation), Housing, Disability Benefits, Immigration (relief for battered women); also has psychological counseling program  
617-661-1010/Cambridge  
617-661-1216 (TDD)  
www.clsacc.org

**Greater Boston Legal Services**

Priorities: Housing/Homelessness, Public Benefits, Family Law (including domestic violence), Mental Health Disabilities, Elder Law, Immigration/Asylum,  
617-371-1234/Boston  
617-371-1228 (TDD)  
Cambridge Office:

**Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services**

617-603-2700/Cambridge  
[www.gbls.org](http://www.gbls.org)

**Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center**

Priorities: Benefits, 209A restraining orders, guardianships, wills, consumer counseling, debt management, financial planning, taxes, bankruptcies  
617-522-3003/Jamaica Plain

**Harvard Legal Aid Bureau**

A student-run legal services office providing free legal services to low-income people in Middlesex and Suffolk counties. Legal issues include Housing, Domestic relations, public Benefits.  
617-495-4408/Cambridge

**Harvard Legal Services Center**

A walk-in clinic. The clinic deals with family issues, housing, welfare, employment, SSI, Social Security, and bankruptcy.  
617-522-3003/Jamiaca Plains

**Irish Immigration Center**

Offers a range of services to all immigrants (not just Irish people) including information and referral, immigration services, employment assistance, and a cross-cultural program.  
617-542-7654/Boston

**Legal Advocacy and Resource Center**

A primary legal services screening agency for low income people in the Greater Boston area; provides self-help assistance and brief advice on a variety of poverty law topics; refers low income people to other agencies  
617-603-1700/Boston

**Legal Services for Cape Cod and Islands**

Priorities: Housing, Welfare, Disability, Medicaid, Medicare, Elder Law, Domestic Violence, Family Law  
508-775-7020, 800-742-4107/Hyannis  
508-746-2777, 800-585-4933/Plymouth  
www.lsccl.org

**Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition**

Provides trainings, advocacy and information to groups.  
617-350-5480/Boston

**Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corp. & Massachusetts IOLTA Committee**

MLAC: 617-367-8544  
IOLTA: 617-723-9093

**Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee**

617-338-2345/Boston

**Merrimack Valley Legal Services**

Priorities: Housing, Family Law (priority on Domestic Violence), Elderly  
978-458-1465/Lowell  
978-452-4740 (TDD)  
978-687-1177, 800-427-2521/Lawrence

**Neighborhood Legal Services**

Priorities: Housing/Homelessness, Public Benefits, Community Economic Development, Health Care Access, Elder Law, Employment, Family Law (primarily for victims of domestic abuse involving divorce, custody of children, child support, protection from abuse)  
781-599-7730/Lynn  
978-686-6900, 888-657-2889/Lawrence  
www.neighborhoodlaw.org

**New Center for Legal Advocacy**  
Priorities: Family law with a focus on domestic violence, Housing, Public Benefits  
800-244-9023/New Bedford

**South Middlesex Legal Services**  
Priorities: Housing, Public Benefits, Disability, Education, Domestic Violence, Elder Law  
508-620-1830/Framingham

**Southeastern MA Legal Assistance Corporation**  
Priorities: Housing, Public Benefits, Education, Employment, Family Law  
508-586-2110, 800-244-8393/Brockton  
508-676-6265, 800-287-3777/Fall River  
508-979-7150, 800-929-9721/New Bedford  
(All numbers voice and TTY)

**Volunteer Lawyers Project of Boston Bar Association**  
Priorities: Housing, Family Law, Disability/SSI, Consumer/Bankruptcy, Probate/Wills, Tax Issues, Unemployment, assistance to non-profit organizations  
617-423-0648/Boston  
617-338-1790 (TDD)  
[www.vlpnet.org](http://www.vlpnet.org)

**Western Massachusetts**

**Disability Law Center**  
413-584-6337/Northampton  
800-222-5619 (voice& TDD)  
413-586-6024 (TDD)  
[www.dlc.ma.org](http://www.dlc.ma.org)

**Massachusetts Justice Project**  
Priorities: Housing, Elderly, Public Benefits, Family Law  
413-533-2660/Holyoke (voice & TDD)  
800-639-1209

**Western Massachusetts Legal Services**  
Priorities: Housing, Elder Law, Public Benefits, Family Law, Employment  
413-774-3747/Greenfield  
413-536-2420/Holyoke (voice & TDD)  
413-664-4531/North Adams  
413-584-4034, 800-639-585-0418/Northampton  
413-499-1950, 800-639-1509/Pittsfield  
413-781-7814, 800-746-3221/Springfield (voice & TDD)

**Federal Information Center**  
Information about federal agencies and programs  
800-688-9889

**Citizen Information Line**  
Information about state agencies and programs  
800-392-6090

**State Representative and Senators**  
617-722-2000/State House

# Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women



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## Legal Services